

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(LHTLG No. 03,112)

In re Application of: )  
DAVIDA et al. ) Examiner: **Vikkram Bali**  
Serial No. **09/303,053** ) Group Art Unit: **2623**  
Filed: **April 30, 1999** ) Confirmation No. **7831**  
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR** )  
**AUTHENTICATE AND PRIVATE** )  
**PRESERVING BIOMETRIC** )  
**IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS** )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDEMENT**

For the Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) filed on August 15, 2003, the  
Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment.

**AMENDEMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please add new claims 15 and 16.**

**Please amend claims 1-14 as follows:**